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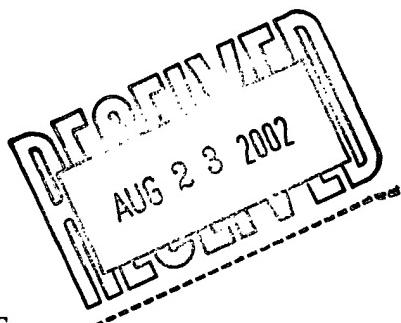
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, applicants hereby cite to the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following:

1. U.S. Patent No. 4, 749,252, granted to Tooru Yanagi et al., on June 7, 1988;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4, 866,251, granted to Stephen R. Jones on September 12, 1989;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,359,690 granted to Kaizu Ryosuke et al., on October 25, 1994;

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4. U.S. Patent No. 5,481,638, granted to Richard A. Roll et al., on January 2, 1996
and;
5. DE 40 07 762 A1, granted to Kabelmetal Electro GmbH on September 19, 1991.

Copies of the patents compiled herein are submitted herewith.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Search Report for corresponding French Patent Application 01 02255.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner in charge of the above-captioned application to consider the aforelisted patents and search report in connection with the examination of the application and to cite those deemed to be material to the determination of patentability.

Applicants respectfully submit that the aforelisted patents do not, alone or in combination, anticipate or render obvious the subject matter of the present application.

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